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TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Specialist 4

RE:

Site Inspection, Paradise Management Inc., Koosharem Mine, M/031/002, Piute County, Utah

Date of Inspection:

June 13, 2000

Time of Inspection:

6:00 p.m.

Conditions:

Clear

Participants:

Jared Sorensen and Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

Document site conditions while in the area.

Upon arrival at the site, it was apparent that the operation has expanded significantly since the last inspection at the time of permit transfer in 1998. To determine the extent of disturbance, a GPS was used. Results of the GPS survey shows 11.73 acres of disturbance (this includes a 0.25 acre topsoil pile to the northwest of the pit and 0.63 acres (1370 feet long X 20 ft. wide) of access road (non Forest Service road).

After inspecting the main pit and taking photographs, we then continued to the north ½ of the section where a second lease was held. Here, we found a large stockpile of material and a small dozer. There was 1.66 acres of disturbance at this site. It was observed that the dozer was the property of the US Forest Service.

Clay from this site was also being stockpiled near Highway 62, south of Greenwich, Utah. This area was also Surveyed and found to encompass 3.0 acres.

Upon return to the office, the Forest Service was contacted. The disturbance and stockpiled material at the second site was performed by the FS for road maintenance. They were not aware that Paradise Management Inc. had a lease on this area. They agreed that a meeting on site would be desirable to resolve any potential problem with the operator, since this land and mineral ownership had been transferred from SITLA (State) to Federal.

It was also determined from review of the file that first pit is the only site currently permitted by DOGM and was limited to 6.5 acres, until Paradise Management submitted a revised NOI and additional reclamation surety. There is no permit for the stockpile area near Greenwich.

UTM coordinates for the site were obtained:

Main pit - North 4260150, East 414607 Stockpile area - North 4255050 East 419350

Several photos were taken to document site conditions.

cc:

Steve Winslow, USFS Stan Perkes, BLM

Don Fullmer, Paradise Management Inc.

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